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Meredith Will Dive for Film Treasure

Kevin McClory telephoned from Burgess Meredith's home that he and Burgess were being flown to the Bahamas by the latter's wife. They'll be met in Nassau by Bernie Gimbel's son who is a deep-sea diver and went down several times to the Andrea Doria. They plan to start diving in be-

I didn't know he was for sale. One share of Hope Enterprises cost McCarey \$10,000 a couple of years ago; he's already got back \$20,000.

Juano Hernandez, fine actor, is a doctor of English at Puerto Rico University. He also played Nat King Cole's father in "St. Louis Blues," and has written the screen script for Eartha Kitt's story, "Thursday's Child," on which he is assistant producer. He's now in North Carolina seeking locations.

PERSUASION

Mark Robson tells this one. He and Jerry Wald were five hours convincing Lana Turner she should play the mother in "Peyton Place." Not until they reminded her of what "Mildred Pierce" had done for Joan Crawford did they win her over. Lana's had TV offers from Dinah Shore, Steve Allen and Perry Como, but thinks



Burgess Meredith


half of their picture "Treasure of Gorda Cay." John Steinbeck, who's writing the story, will also bring them in Nagsau. They're starting now because there's a strike in that part of the world and most of the tourists have fled, and they figured this was a perfect time to begin operations. McClory said, "You'd have died laughing at Meredith this afternoon dressed in a diving suit that didn't fit, in the Hotel Shelton pool with snow falling madly outside." I just hope they'll all be careful; they're far too valuable to take chances.

Leo McCarey delighted with the Bob Hope TV show; so was I, not only because I think it is the best one he's ever done, but its rating proved it. It got 33.5; completely smothered three westerns. If you watched the faces of our men over there and their delight at Hope's jokes, you'd know why we go each Christmas. I'm always so proud to be invited along. Leo told me that he owns one share of Hope.

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